

## Message Text

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SUBJ: SAG NATIONAL GUARD WEAPONS/EQUIPMENT REQUESTS

REF: SANG 210703Z JUN 78 (NOTAL)

1. SANG PMO, BG HUDACHEK, HAS INFORMED US (REFTEL) THAT DURING SANG MODERNIZATION DISCUSSIONS, SANG EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMBINED ARMS BATTALIONS OF THE FOLLOW-ON EFFORT:  
(A) REPLACE 90MM MECAR CANNON WITH TOW MSL SYS RESULTING IN 15 TOW PER BATTALION ILO 6 IN CURRENT BATTALION.  
(B) DRAGON MED AT MSL SYS.  
(C) REPLACE CURRENT MODEL 81MM MORTAR WITH EXTENDED RANGE VERSION.  
(D) RETAIN M102 105MM HOWITZER (INCREASING NUMBER OF TUBES PER BTY TO 8) BUT EMPLOY ROCKET ASSISTED PROJECTILE FOR EXTENDED RANGE.  
(E) ADD RADAR TO CURRENT TOWED VULCAN SYSTEMS.  
(F) AIR DEFENSE MISSILE, PREFER STINGER, BUT MIGHT ACCEPT REDEYE. (CHUSMTM INFORMALLY STATES USG WILL NOT SELL THESE WEAPONS. INFO BASED UPON RECENT DISCUSSION WITH DSAA.)

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(G) PASSIVE, IMAGE INTENSIFICATION (I-SQUARED) NIGHT VISION DEVICES.  
(H) V150 AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AND DIESEL ENGINE.

2. ITEMS WOULD BE REQUIRED IN 1982 FOR START OF FORMAL TRAINING OF FIRST COMBAT BATTALION OF THE FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM.

3. PRIOR TO ENTERING DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE NEW ITEMS  
ABOVE, EMBASSY AND SANG PMO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FEEL FOR  
THE U.S. WILLINGNESS TO SELL THEM. IN THIS LIGHT, REQUEST  
YOUR OPINION REGARDING U.S. POSITION ON SALE OF THESE  
ITEMS TO THE SANG.  
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